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## UNITED STATES MIGRATORY BIRD REGULATIONS PROHIBIT SPRING SHOOTING.

Washington, D. C., The United States Department of Agriculture has received inquiries from many sportsmen in the Middle West in regard to spring shooting of waterfowl. In response the Department has made the following public announcement:

Under the Federal regulations there is a closed season from February 1 to September 6, inclusive, each year throughout the United States on waterfowl and other migratory game birds; the season for hunting is further restricted in various parts of the country to periods not exceeding three and one-half months. The open season on waterfowl in the States of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, and Missouri is from September 16 to December 31, inclusive, and it is unlawful to hunt or kill waterfowl in those States at any other time. Persons committing violations of the regulations may be prosecuted at any time within three years after an offense is committed.